

June 13, 2022

The Honorable Toni Atkins Senate President pro Tempore California State Senate 1021 O Street, Suite 5110 Sacramento, CA 95814 The Honorable Anthony Rendon Assembly Speaker California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Suite 8330 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SCA 10 (Atkins and Rendon) – Reproductive Freedom

Dear President pro Tempore Atkins and Speaker Rendon,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support SCA 10. This proposed amendment to the State Constitution protects the right to abortion in California. With the recent leak of a draft Supreme Court ruling seeking to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the City aligns its priorities with the State to advance access to reproductive health services and abortion.

On May 24, 2022, the Long Beach City Council adopted the 2022 State Legislative Agenda, which includes language to support proposals such as SCA 10. Enshrining the right to choose and the right to abortion is necessary to ensure that no other entity can infringe upon the rights of the people of California. The City commends its legislative leaders for taking action and securing the ability for people to make their own healthcare decisions.

Protecting reproductive rights is essential for every Californian, and the City supports this proposal to strengthen women's reproductive health and access to abortions.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District

The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District